

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill of the type having a fire box and a cover pivotally connected to the firebox, said apparatus comprising:

means for engaging the barbecue grill firebox;

means for engaging the barbecue grill cover;

means for adjusting said means for engaging the barbecue grill cover for selectively propping said barbecue grill cover in one of a plurality of partially open configurations.

2. (Cancelled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill according to claim 1, wherein said means for engaging the grill firebox includes a first arm and said means for engaging the grill cover includes a second arm, said first arm and said second arm being pivotally connected about a pivot point.

3. (Cancelled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill according to claim 2, further including means for selectively angularly fixing said second arm relative to said first arm.

4. (Currently amended) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill of the type having a firebox and a cover pivotally connected to the firebox, said apparatus comprising:

[means for engaging the barbecue grill cover] a first elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting firebox engaging flange;

[means for engaging the barbecue grill firebox] a second elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting cover engaging flange;

said first elongate arm adapted with an end portion having an arc-shaped edge defining a plurality of peripheral notches;

said second elongate arm adapted with an end portion defining a projecting member sized to be received within said notches;

said first elongate arm end portion defining a generally circular aperture, and said second elongate arm end portion defining a generally slotted aperture;

a telescopically adjustable pivot pin pivotally connecting said first and second elongate arms by insertion through said first and second arm end portion apertures;

said first and second arms being adjustable in angular relation by pivotal rotation about said pivot pin and fixed in one of a plurality of angular positions by inserted engagement of said second arm projecting member in one of said first arm notches by relative sliding movement between said first and second arms facilitated by said second arm slotted aperture;

[means for pivotally connecting said means for engaging a barbecue grill cover and said means for engaging a barbecue grill firebox.]

whereby said apparatus may be installed on a barbeque grill with said first arm firebox engaging flange bearing against the upper edge of the firebox and the second arm cover engaging flange bearing against the lower edge of the cover.

5. (Canceled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill according to claim 4, wherein:

said means for engaging the barbecue grill firebox includes a first elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting firebox engaging flange; and said means for engaging the barbecue grill cover includes a second elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting cover engaging flange.

6. (Cancelled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill according to claim 5, wherein said first elongate arm has an end portion having an arc-shaped edge defining a plurality of notches and said second elongate arm has an end portion defining a projecting member sized to be received within said notches.

7. (Cancelled) An apparatus for propping open the cover of a barbecue grill according to claim 4, wherein said means for pivotally connecting said means for engaging a barbecue grill cover and said means for engaging a barbecue grill firebox includes a telescopically adjustable pivot pin.

8. (New) An apparatus for use with a barbecue grill of the type having a fire box and a cover pivotally connected to the firebox by at least one hinge for propping open the cover, said apparatus comprising:

a first elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting firebox engaging flange;

a second elongate arm having a perpendicularly projecting cover engaging flange;

said first elongate arm adapted with an end portion having an arc-shaped edge defining a plurality of peripheral notches;

said second elongate arm adapted with an end portion defining a projecting member sized to be received within said notches;

said first elongate arm end portion defining a generally circular aperture, and said second elongate arm end portion defining a generally slotted aperture;

a telescopically adjustable pivot pin pivotally connecting said first and second elongate arms by insertion through said first and second arm end portion apertures;

said first and second arms being adjustable in angular relation by pivotal rotation about said pivot pin and fixed in one of a plurality of angular positions by radial inserted engagement of said second arm projecting member in one of said first arm notches;

whereby said apparatus may be installed on a barbeque grill with said first arm firebox engaging flange bearing against the upper edge of the firebox and the second arm cover engaging flange bearing against the lower edge of the cover.